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SUBJECT: ICFTU-ARO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN BANGKOK

REF: JAKARTA 8483

1. DURING ARO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD IN BANGKOK JULY 7-10, BOARD DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ICFTU LABOR COLLEGE BE MOVED FROM NEW DELHI TO SINGAPORE, OSTENSIBLY TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE IN A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION. THE QUESTION OF HOW TO REACT TO THE NEW "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES OF ASIA WAS DISCUSSED AND A DECISION MADE TO NEITHER COURT NOR SHUN OVERTURES FROM PROSPECTIVE AFFILIATES IN SVN OR CAMBODIA.

2. BY SCHEDULING THE JULY 7-10 MEETING IN BANGKOK, ARO HOPED TO LEND MORAL SUPPORT TO THE FLEDGLING THAI LABOR MOVEMENT. A LESS THAN HEARTY WELCOME BY THE RTG AND POOR PREPARATION BY THAI ICFTU REPRESENTATIVE SUWIT RAWIWONG DISAPPOINTED ARO DELEGATES. THE LACK OF AN OFFICIAL RTG WELCOME, NO PRESS COVERAGE, AND A POOR SECRETARIAT PROMPTED ARO PRESIDENT DR. P.P. NARAYANAN TO REMARK, "THIS WAS NOT A GOOD EXECUTIVE SESSION".

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